PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box > +

Approved for use through 10/31/2001. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

er the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known INFORMATION DISCLOSURE **Application Number** 10/717,018 Filing Date November 19, 2003 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT First Named Inventor Teruhiko Nawata Group Art Unit 1765 (use as many sheets as necessary) **Examiner Name** Not Yet Assigned Sheet **Attorney Docket Number** 1217-032261 of

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No.1 | U.S. Patent Document Number Kind Code ² | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | | | | |
| M | | 6,369,392 | B1 | Ruderman et al. | 04-09-2002 | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u> </u> | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | |
| | - | | | | | | | | | |
| - | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ļ | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | • | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | • | ······································ | | | | |
| | | | | | | : | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | N PATENT DOC | UMENTS | | |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|--|---|---------|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. | Forei Office ³ | ign Patent Docume | Kind Code ³ | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | Te. |
| // | | JP(1988) | 63-270385 | Α | Hitachi Metals | Nov. 8, 1988 | English Abstract attached | 1 |
| Tis | 1 | JP(1999) | 11-021197 | Α | Oputoron KK | Jan. 26, 1999 | English Abstract attached | ╁╴ |
| 10 | | JP(1998) | 10-338594 | Α | Fuji Electrochem | Dec. 22, 1998 | English Abstract attached | |
| ! | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | \perp |
| | | · | | | | | | ╁ |
| | | | | | | | | † |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | <u></u> | | | | | | | <u></u> |
| Examiner | | / | · /- | | - | Date | 3/10/00 | |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Considered

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ³Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁴Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, .P.O.Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.